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NEWS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA - Former City employee Ramon Pabon was charged by a federal information<sup>1</sup> today with accepting money to prepare fraudulent deeds and deeds not authorized by the Records Department and filing false tax returns, announced United States Attorney Michael L. Levy. Pabon was a former Title Registration Aide for the City of Philadelphia Records Department, Recorder of Deeds.

According to the information, during the period 2003 through 2008, Pabon received money, outside his City employment, from various individuals for preparing and recording fraudulent deeds and deeds that were not authorized by the Department of Records, as well as at least one fraudulent mortgage. With the fraudulent deeds, the true property owners were unaware that their properties had been sold. Pabon received over \$46,295 in fees from these fraudulently and unlawfully prepared deeds. Pabon further failed to report the income from these fraudulently and unlawfully prepared deeds on his federal tax returns for the years 2006 through 2008.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Ramon Pabon	Philadelphia, PA	62

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 33 years in prison, three years of supervised release, a \$600,000 fine, and a \$300 special assessment.

This case was investigated by the Office of the City of Philadelphia Inspector General, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Internal Revenue Service, with assistance from the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sarah L. Grieb and Special Assistant United States Attorney Lisa Caulfield.

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<sup>1</sup>An Indictment, Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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